

Chart Gives Honors To Southern Athletes

Recognition. If it wasn't for recognition few people would bother to get out of bed. A pat on the back at the right time can install more pride in a person than perhaps anything else.

In an effort to give recognition where it has long been overdue, "The Chart Award" for outstanding individual performance has been established. This award, in the form of an in-

dividual trophy, is to be presented at the Lionbackers meeting each month. "The Chart Award" is in effect a "pat on the back" to outstanding athletes at MSC.

To complement the individual trophy for each game, a major "Chart Award" will be given at the end of each football and basketball season. This large trophy will be presented to the

athlete who turned in the most outstanding performances of the year.

A panel of four MSC students and one non-student moderator will choose the recipient following each game.

The trophies, purchased from Varsity Trophy Mart by The Chart, will go on display in the College Union soon.

Roctober Fest Oct. 4 at ECM

The second "Roctober Fest" will be presented at ECM east of the campus on Sunday October 4 at 8:00 p.m. The "Roctober Fest" is an experimental worship service which uses popular media in worship.

This year's service will feature live rock music, a light show and a series of dramatic skits. The theme for the service is "humor." The dramatic skits will be "quickies" in the style of the tv show, "Laugh In". They will use funny incidents to point out serious concerns of faith. The light show will consist of color wheels, abstract designs, color slides and strobe lights. The rock music will be furnished by area band members. Numbers included in the service are, "I'm so glad," "Hey Jude" and a "Bach-Rock" improvisation.

Biology Club Plans Picnic

The Missouri Southern Biology Club will hold a fall picnic for biology majors and persons interested in the biological sciences October 4 in Wildcat Park south of Joplin, according to Christi Nichols, club secretary.

Price for the outing, which starts at 5:30 p.m., is 50 cents per person.



Attending the National Conference on Citizenship in Alexandria, Virginia on September 18-19-20 were, left to right, Mike Box, Southwest Missouri State; Sue West, Tom Esterly, and Tim Hughes all from Missouri Southern.

Southern Trio Attends Washington Conference

Three students from Missouri Southern attended a National Conference on Citizenship held in Washington, D.C. during the weekend of September 18-20. Sue West, Tim Hughes, and Tom Esterly plus Mike Box from Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, comprised the Missouri delegation.

The three-day convention marked with workshops, panel discussions, and group discussions on campaign activities in the November 3rd

election. Principal speakers were Senators Robert Packwood R-Oregon and Fred Harris D-Oklahoma.

Of particular importance were the workshops which dealt on fund raising, publicity, issue research, polling, contact politics and election day activities.

The NCC, sponsored by the Stern and Rockefeller Foundations, is to give in-depth knowledge to college students on youth involvement, in the hope that they will relate these ideals in their respective states.

Senatorial Vote Today; Class Officers Named

Students are voting today on a slate of senatorial candidates after class officer elections Wednesday which featured two tight races in the freshman class.

Balloting today will be at the same polling locations as Wednesday. The polls opened at 9:00 A.M. and will close at 2:00 P.M.

A tie between Christine Bailey and Alicia Grossman for the freshman secretary-treasurer's job was to have been broken by a draw of straws yesterday, according to Gary Armstrong, student body president. The winner was not known at press time. The straw draw is specified in the student constitution. Miss Bailey and Miss Grossman each attracted 100 votes in the

election.

The other tight race saw freshman Jim Matthews edge out Michael Corbin for the vice-presidential post 100-97.

All defeated candidates for class offices are on the senatorial ballot today. Class officers serve as senators on the Student Senate.

Ronald Mitchell will head the senior class. He beat Bruce Brown 54-33. Ray Basye garnered 67 votes to defeat Charlotte Duke with 21 votes for vice-president. Judy Sage was unopposed for secretary-treasurer.

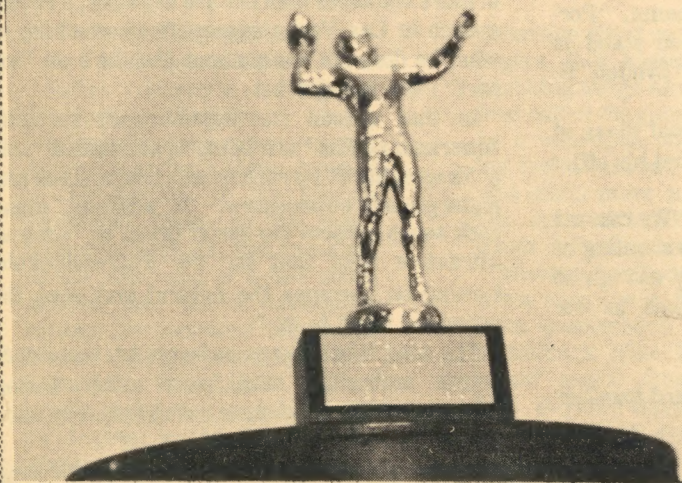
Juniors favored Dave Richard form a field of four candidates for president. Richard received 45 votes, Tim Hughes 30, Dan Koch 28, and Roger Cisco 19. Bob

Galbraith was unopposed for vice-president as was Diana Lenger for secretary-treasurer.

Sophomores selected Randy Stanley president with 57 votes to Bob Fletcher's 44 and Larry Cowger's 41. Mark Bellis beat Calvin Cassady 81-56 for vice-president. Christi Nichols overwhelmed her opponent, Chris Fenix, 113-28 for secretary-treasurer.

In the top race in the freshman class, Roland Boykin Jr. bested Mark Hogue 83-48. The presidential candidacy of Terry Taylor was ruled invalid reportedly due to a technicality in filling out his nominating petition. He did receive 69 votes.

About 500 students voted Wednesday.



Preservation Hall Concert Saturday

Tickets still are available for Saturday night's Preservation Hall Jazz Band concert in the Southern fieldhouse. The tickets, free to Southern students with ID cards, were offered to the public Wednesday for the 8 p.m. performance Saturday.

Tickets to the public are \$2 in advance and can be purchased at

the fieldhouse today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday night admission will be \$2.50 at the door.

The New Orleans group, comprised of members now over 60 years old, began as youth creating the Jazz sound. A new addition to be seen Saturday is the proprietor of Preservation Hall, home of the group.

Southern Math League Opens Fourth Season

An organizational meeting September 28 launched the fourth season of the Missouri Southern College Math League. Forty-five area high school math students representing 16 high schools were guests of the Southern Math Club.

Rules for the 1970-71 season were discussed with no major changes made. Each participating school can field a team of 12 members with nine scores to be tabulated.

Meetings of the league will be held the second Monday and following Tuesday of each month. Monday sessions will begin at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at noon in Reynolds Hall. An awards picnic

in May will culminate league activities.

Schools represented at the meeting were Joplin Memorial and Parkwood, McAuley Regional of Joplin, Webb City, Purdy, Pierce City, Diamond, Neosho, Riverton, Kan., Our Lady of the Ozarks of Carthage, McDonald County, Miller, Seneca, Columbus, Kan. and Carl Junction. Other schools expected to participate are Lamar, Cassville, Carthage and Liberal.

Seniors at the University of Missouri-Rolla receive an average of five job offers before they graduate.



JEAN TENHULZER



STEPHEN LUCAS

Residence hall officers were elected recently and include Jean Tenhulzer, president of the women's hall; Debbie Bentlage, vice president; Debbie Hardman, secretary; Debbie Freund, treasurer; Glenda Paylor, reporter and Carol Brasher, social chairman. Vice president of the men's hall is Randy Miller; Steve Satterlee, secretary and J. D. Lightner.

the **Chart**

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Kansas Hecklers

A new untested Kansas law, brought to light recently after President Nixon's speech in the Alf Landon series at Kansas State University, is questionable to say the least.

And this being an election year why shouldn't an aspiring candidate for Kansas state office bring it up. His motives seem all too clear.

Assistant Attorney General Richard Seaton, a Republican seeking the attorney general's job this fall, said students who shouted disruptions during Nixon's speech at KSU may be suspended from school and prosecuted under state law. He said offenders MIGHT be prosecuted under the disorderly conduct provisions in the new Kansas Criminal Code. Seaton said he is working with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to identify those who reportedly disrupted the speech.

This incident appears to have been blown out of proportion. Hecklers and dissenters are found generally where ever a high public figure speaks. And a report of the speech indicated the dissenters' shouts were drowned out by the crowd of more than 15,000 anyway. This is simply a case of over-reacting by Mr. Seaton and a political play on the ears of conservatives and red-necks.

The new law is absurd for a state that has reduced the penalty for possession of marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor.

CANDID CAMPUS

"But when you said your roommate's name was Bear, naturally, we thought...."

Forum...**Bring Us Apart With Agnew**

"Bring Us Together."

The sign, held high by a youth during the Nixon campaign, was a plea filled with hope, yet overflowing with desperation.

Pres. Nixon carried a similar theme, "Forward Together," to the inauguration stand to replace "The Great Society" of Lyndon B. Johnson.

Virtually surrounded by bullet-proof glass at the inauguration, Mr. Nixon dedicated his office to the "cause of peace."

In his inaugural address he said, "We can not learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another—until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices."

Irony.

"To go forward at all is to go forward together or it will not be done at all."

Irony, again.

Nixon uttered these words and a few short weeks later sent his voice, in the form of one Spiro T. Agnew, into this vast land to rip asunder every word quoted above.

To say that Agnew's blatant rhetoric has brought us together and moved us forward (as Nixon's inaugural address would have it) is purely and simply ridiculous.

Since Agnew took the oath of office January 20, 1969 nothing but polarization has poured forth in countless speeches across the land. He's alienated the press, students and other groups in the U.S., to mention a few.

Forward? Together? Stop shouting at one another? The shouting has not stopped; it's become a roar. Forward is in reverse and together is a pipe dream.

As we understand it, the office of the vice president entails the position as president of the Senate. Various sources say Agnew has an atrocious record of absenteeism in the Senate. That's easy to see.

Agnew has a way of being at the wrong place at the wrong time (remember the golf course incident?) Of his many references to youth, which in more instances than not are negative, a recent speech in Las Vegas exemplifies something of what he does not know about (but he's an "expert") the younger set.

In that speech (to Republicans) he said, American youths "are being brainwashed" into a "drug culture" by rock music, books, films and underground newspapers." In addition, many rock songs present the use of drugs in "such an attractive light that for the impressionable, turning on becomes the natural and even the approved thing to do."

The song titles Agnew referred to, some rock music authorities said, were either ancient history to today's youth or not necessarily about drugs.

Agnew quoted a line from a Beatles' 1967 song, "I get high with a little help from my friends" and said until it was pointed out to him he hadn't realized that the "friends" were assorted drugs. The vice president apparently has not heard of getting "high" (a common usage for several things today) on people, love, friendship, an idea, beer.

He also referred to a "golden oldie" by the Byrds, "Eight Miles High." The song, according to the group's manager, is about the group's first trip to England as rock stars. "Eight miles high refers to how high the airplane flies," the manager explained. The lyrics bear out the fact that the use of drugs is not advocated.

Mr. Agnew disregarded the fact that rock groups have produced strong anti-drugs songs. Example: Steppenwolf recording of "The Pusher," which condemns heroin peddlers.

Negativism, polarization and unfounded commentary have put Mr. Agnew too far out of it to know the difference.

**Three MSC Instructors
Tabbed For Top Honors**

Three Missouri Southern College educators have been selected to appear in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America." Nominated earlier this year were B. W. Mason of the Education Department, Harry C. Gockel of the Department of Social Science and Miss Martha A. McCormick of the Department of

Mathematics. Selections were announced today by John Putman, director.

The Outstanding Educators of America is an annual program designed to recognize and honor those men and women who have distinguished themselves by exceptional service, achievements and leadership in education. The educators are

chosen for national recognition on the basis of local standards of excellence. Guidelines for selection include an educators talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities and any civic and professional recognition previously received. Each of the educators complete biographical sketch will appear in the annual award volume.

Young GOPs Hear Armstrong, Name New Officers

Student Body President Gary Armstrong was speaker at the first College Young Republican meeting of the year on "Youth Activism." In his address Armstrong pointed out the necessary values of student involvement in the political system.

Another speaker was Larry Taylor, youth organizer for the campaign of Jack Danforth for the United States Senate and son of Gene Taylor, National Republican Committeeman of Missouri. Taylor said that on October 3 Republicans would be

having a "bumper sticker blitz" in Joplin, Carthage and Springfield.

New officers for the 1970-71 year also were elected. They are: Tom Esterly, president; Tom Brown, executive vice-chairman; Rella Jeffries, administrative chairman, Trudy Rataczak, recording secretary; Karen Fuhr, corresponding secretary; Larry Whitstone, treasurer; Tim Hughes, Historian and Gary Armstrong, parliamentarian. Appointed positions went to: Eastern District Cochairmen, Tom Brown and James Rust; Central District Chairman, Tim Hughes; Western District Chairman, Bob Brown and Campus Chairman, Gary Armstrong.

57 More Than Last Fall...**Enrollment Hits 3,177**

Latest enrollment figures from the office of Registrar George Volmert show 3,177 students enrolled at Missouri Southern, 57 more than enrolled last fall, but 123 less than the 3,300 projected.

Increase came in the senior division where 1,186 are in classes. That shows an increase of 104 students from last fall. The junior division declined by 57 from last fall to 1,985.

Seniors have 451 in the class this year, while a year ago, 393. Freshmen lost 36 students from last fall's figures.

The breakdown follows with 1969 enrollment in parenthesis:

Freshman—1,351 (1,387)

Sophomore—578 (598).

Junior—682 (642).

Senior—451 (393).

Special students, counted in the junior college division, total 56 (47), while post graduate students number 59 (53) and are counted in the senior division.

Of the 97,000 to 125,000 forest fires in the nation each year, only about 10,000 result from the prime natural cause; lightning strikes. The rest are caused by man — tourists, hunters, fishermen, farmers, campers, and lumbermen — according to the National Geographic Society.

Lions 0-3 now...

MSC gridders still looking for first victory of season

By JIM PRICE
Chart Sports Editor

Rube Berry's Missouri Southern College Lions, frustrated in their season opener against Fort Hays State, dropped a 13-7 decision to the Lincoln University Tigers in the home opener on Sept. 19, and came out on the short end of a 42-7 score against the No. 3 nationally-ranked Northeastern Oklahoma State College Redmen last Saturday. The Lions' record stands at 0-3 now, and MSC will be hoping to break into the winning column this Saturday as they travel to Emporia, Kan. for a 7:30 p.m. battle against Emporia State Teachers College.

In the MSC-Lincoln contest, the Lions were thwarted twice in the fourth quarter of action by a fine

defensive effort on the part of the Tigers, thus keeping MSC from grabbing the go-ahead score. The first half of the game was marked by a wide-open offensive battle, but the second half of the contest was much more subdued as the two opponents settled down to tough defensive battling.

Missouri Southern's lone touchdown came on a five-yard pass from quarterback Ray Harding to tailback Mike Rader, a 180-pound senior from Lockwood, Mo. Bryant Davis added the extra point to end the Lions' scoring.

MSC ran into a formidable foe on Saturday, Sept. 26, when the Lions met the Redmen of Tahlequah, Okla. Although NEO registered a 42-7 victory over the aggressive Lions, MSC played on

an equal basis with the Northeastern crew throughout the second half. Coach Berry was pleased with the Lions' comeback strength in the final two quarters, and several viewers of the contest mentioned the fact that the Redmen would have liked to run up the score on the MSC bunch, but the Lions' defense wouldn't allow it. Tahlequah scored 28 in the opening period, seven in the second, and seven in the third. The Redmen failed to score in the fourth period.

MSC's touchdown came late in the fourth quarter when quarterback Mike Sexton shot a 26-yard aerial to tailback Mike Rader, who broke two tackles to punch over the goal line for the touchdown. Davis added the extra point. Sexton was MSC's

leading ball carrier with 56 yards in 10 trips. Ray Harding, who started at the quarterback slot in the Fort Hays and Lincoln games, hit seven of 28 passes for a gain of 80 yards.

Game statistics follow:

MSC-LINCOLN	
MSC	7 0 0 0—7
Lincoln	6 7 0 0—13
Lincoln—Coachman, 6 pass from Lang. Kick failed.	
Southern—Rader, 5 pass from Harding. Davis kick.	
Lincoln—Thompson, 42 run. Brown kick.	
MSC-NEO	
MSC	0 0 0 7—7
NEO	28 7 7 0—42
NEO—Knight, 22 pass from Burk. Dotson kick.	
NEO—Boatwright, 65 punt return. Dotson kick.	
NEO—Hudson, 5 run. Dotson kick.	
NEO—Knight, 11 pass from Burk. Dotson kick.	
NEO—Anderson, 45 pass from Burk. Dotson kick.	
NEO—8 pass from Burk. Dotson kick.	
Southern—Rader, 26 pass from Sexton. Davis kick.	



PASS INTERCEPTION
Redmen Ron Cobler (left) and Charles Duke (19) attempt pass interception against tight end Dave Evans.

Mean Green Machine Stats

Rushing			OPPONENTS		SOUTHERN
Carries	Yardage				
O'Rourke	17 52	First Downs	55		50
Rader	14 55	Rushing yardage	848		139
Perry	23 27	Passing yardage	233		626
Harding	20 -34	Passes	19-57-5		51-129-11
Sexton	12 55	Return yardage	313		264
Davis	1 1	Fumbles lost	5		6
Alkire	1 -8	Punts	18-26.9		17-31.4
		Penalties	31-305		20-208

Return Yardage		
Trips	Yards	
Rader	7 111	
O'Rourke	3 55	
Gramling	2 20	
Evans	1 5	
Alkire	2 42	
Spencer	1 12	

Punts			
Kicks	Yds	Ave.	
Hedden	12 407	33.9	
Davis	3 101	33.8	

Passing					
A	C	Yds	INT	TD's	
Harding	108	44	539	10	4
Sexton	16	4	54	1	1
Rader	2	4	37	0	0

Receiving			
Rec.	Yds	TD's	
O'Rourke	4 95	0	
Rader	5 74	3	
Perry	10 129	1	
Davis	11 123	1	
Evans	8 70	0	

Scoring				
TD's	PAT's	FG	TP	
Harding	1	0	0	6
Evans	0	2	0	2
O'Rourke	1	0	0	6
Davis	1	5	0	1
Perry	1	0	0	6
Rader	2	0	0	1

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Where's your emotion?

For one fleeting moment following the Lincoln University game all the emotional frustration of football poured forth from the eyes of head Lion tamer Ruben Berry. One person was heard telling Coach Berry, "Close game coach." The Lion mentor's voice cracked as he replied, "Close doesn't count in this game."

The pure emotion pouring from Coach Berry can best be summed up in a statement made famous by perhaps the greatest coach of all time, Vince Lombardi, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

The first step toward building a winning football team is firmly entrenching a winning attitude in the players AND THE FANS. Instilling this winning attitude is one of the hardest jobs a coach has.

Few fans realize the emotions involved in football. When you have played your heart out and lost, the tears come to your eyes no matter how hard you fight to keep them back. This emotion must be present, not only in the coach and player, but in the heart of the loyal fan. Perhaps the lack of emotion in the MSC bleachers can account for the lack of emotion in the team members. Coach Berry's eyes were filled with tears. Many of his players had dry eyes. HOW WERE YOURS???

CUB sponsors bus to Emporia St. tilt

The five dollar late fee shown on your student I.D. is not a late fee at all. It is actually the student activity fee approved by the student senate last year.

The money is used to finance all College Union activities. One of the activities is the free student bus to Lion games away from home.

The bus to Emporia, Kan. still has a few open seats but they are going fast. Hurry and sign up for a real good time and support the MEAN GREEN MACHINE.

The 1970 ABC saw 44 Regular division teams shoot 3000 totals, two short of the record 46 rolled in 1967.

Redmen down Lions

Quarterback Roy Burk, wearing his white shoes, teamed up with tight end Virgil Knight for three touchdowns in leading Northeastern Oklahoma State to a 42-7 victory over the visiting Missouri Southern College Lions on last Saturday night.

NEO, ranked third nationally, was able to turn three Lion miscues into first period touchdowns. The first tally came on a 22-yard pass from Burk to Knight following a pass interception by safety Charles Duke at the MSC 35. Duke returned the grab 10 yards to the MSC 25.

Redman Thomas Boatright fielded a low punt by Southern's David Heddon on his own 35 and blazed a 65-yard path to the end zone for the second NEO touchdown.

The third score came on a five yard burst off tackle by tailback Robert Hudson following a fumble recovery on the MSC 39.

With 4:06 left in the opening period Burk faked a handoff into the line, bootlegged the ball and fired a strike to Knight in the end zone.

Southern's "MEAN GREEN" defense rose to the occasion and contained the potent Redmen offense throughout most of the remaining periods. Burk teamed with 235 pound fullback Roger Bealieu on a masterful fake into the line and fired another touchdown toss of 45 yards with 8:58 left in the half.

NEO climbed to a 42-0 advantage with 7:07 left in the third quarter on an eight yard pass from Burk to Knight who made a hotly contested double dribble diving catch in the end zone.

Southern's score came later in the fourth quarter following a short NEO punt. Lion quarterback Mike Sexton scampered 30 yards on a busted pass play to the NEO 28. On a fourth down Sexton connected with flanker Mike Rader on a 26 yard screen pass for the score. The hard running Rader bulled his way into the end zone after breaking tackles at the 10 and the 5. Flanker Bryant Davis added the extra point.

On three key defensive plays corner back Marty Galbraith broke up NEO's futile attempts to score in the fourth period.

Southern's record breaking quarterback Ray Harding connected on 7 of 28 passes for 80 yards while surprise starter Mike Sexton rushed for 56 yards in 10 carries and passed for another 54 yards. Sexton hit 4 of 16 passes for the night.

Score by quarters:

MSC	0	0	0	7	7
NEO	28	7	7	0	42
Statistics	MSC	NEO			
First downs	10	21			
Rushing yardage	24	235			
Passing yardage	134	128			
Passes	11-46-6	10-24-0			
Return yardage	142	130			
Fumbles lost	2	2			
Punts	6-31	4-30			
Penalties	7-35	9-115			



Sports



CHART Business Manager Butch Matistic presents the first three monthly awards for outstanding football performance to MSC gridders Ray Harding, Gary Autry, and Marty Galbraith. Harding was noted for his showing in

the MSC-Fort Hays tussle, Autry for his efforts in the MSC-Lincoln battle, and Galbraith for his strong performance in the MSC-Tahlequah contest.

The Chart Award...

Trio awarded trophies for top performances

This is truly the year of The Quarterback. Ole Miss has Archie Manning, Stanford has Jim Plunket, Arkansas has Bill Montgomery, and MSC has Ray Harding. In the opening game of the 1970 season against Ft. Hayes St. the Lion field general set four school records.

Big things are in store for Ray, and the beginning of them is the distinction of being the first recipient of "The Chart Award." Ray's record breaking performances in the opening game made him the unanimous choice of the five judges.

Along with Harding two others received awards. Gary Autry received the trophy for the Lincoln University game. Gary's outstanding leadership qualities on and off the field earned him that week's honor over all others. The middle linebacker's presence on the field seems to lift the team to greater heights of glory.

Dedication to the game and poise on the field best describe the play of the winner of "The Chart Award" for his performance in the NEO State game. Defensive cornerback Marty Galbraith's key plays through the game kept the potent Redmen from scoring time and time again.

The awards were presented during the Sept. 28 meeting of the Lionbackers Club at Wilders restaurant in Joplin.

The trophies given to these three outstanding athletes is

more than a memento of a game. It is a symbol of the appreciation of the student body for the hours spent in trying to bring a small amount of glory to MISSOURI SOUTHERN COLLEGE.

Pi Beta Lambda Team Victors in ECM VW Dragrace

A team from Pi Beta Lambda fraternity won the Fourth Annual VW Dragrace Sunday afternoon, September 20. The mock Dragrace is sponsored by the Ecumenical Campus Ministry.

The VW Dragrace is held on a course marked-off on the MSC main parking lot. Teams of four pushers and one driver push, pull and shove the little cars in heats just as is done in drag racing, with slightly higher elapsed times. Nine teams from campus organizations entered this year's race.

A trophy for "Top Eliminator" was presented to the Pi Beta Lambda team by ECM's president, Dan Burns.

The New York Racing Commission designated the nose as the official winning part of a horse in photo finishes in 1937, the year after the camera was introduced in New York. Some fans, viewing photo finish pictures, had argued that the horses' feet should decide a close finish.

Galbraith has praise for Lions

"I feel like I have played with the best there is and now I have the confidence in myself and the team to say we will go undefeated the rest of the year." That is the way this week's "Chart Award" winner Marty Galbraith feels about the Lions performance against the Northeastern Oklahoma State Redmen.

"They (NEO) are the best team I have every played against," says Marty. That is saying a lot since Galbraith comes to MSC from the powerful Arkansas University freshman team.

Marty expressed the opinion that the Lions were not out played just outgunned. The breaks of the game went to the Redmen in the first quarter and from then on the Lions played even ball with perhaps the best small college football team in the nation today.

When Galbraith was informed that he was to receive the "Chart Award" he began praising the play of his teammates. "Wayne Ralston, who has not played football for the last three years, is coming on real strong for us and is developing into an All-America candidate," Galbraith said.

Could happen...

Lions lead nation?

By BUTCH MASTISTIC
Chart Sports Writer

A record-setting football team at MSC is not an impossibility. Last year's leaders in the small college division had no idea they would be leading the nation at the end of the season. It is a possibility that our gridiron heroes will be tops in the nation statistic wise, by this December.

This season has already produced one record breaking performance by Lion quarterback, Ray Harding. With seven games left in the season the chances are good that MSC may place high in the 1970 statistics.

Last year's college division leaders came from a wide variety of schools including some of the opponents on our 1970 schedule.

Team statistics leaders from last season in total offense were Delaware with 488.9 yards per game average and St. Olaf of Minnesota with 487.2 yards per game. Emporia State of Kansas, the next Lion opponent, finished out last season at eighth in the nation with an average of 428.1 yards per game. St. Olaf heads the list in rushing offense with an average of 369.1 yards per game. In second place was North Dakota State with 351.4 yards per game.

Passing offense was lead by Portland State of Oregon. Portland State completed 252 out of a 462 passes for a .545 percentage. They were intercepted 18 times. In second place was Emporia State of Kan. Emporia reached a respectable .534 completion percentage hitting on 150 of 281 attempts while being intercepted only 14 times.

Total defense leader was Livingstone of North Carolina, allowing only 148.5 yards per game. Kings Point College of New York led in rushing defense, giving up only 16.2 yards per game on the ground. Wabash College of Indiana intercepted 14 of their opponents' passes and allowed only 50 completions out of 126 attempts to lead the nation in passing defense with .397 completion percentage. Carthage College of Wisconsin lead in scoring defense allowing only six points per game in nine games.

Ursinus College of Pennsylvania lead in punting with an average punt of 42 yards. St. Olaf lead the nation in scoring with 407 points or 45.2 points per game. Second was Colorado State College with a 44.7 points per game average. Emporia State was third in the nation with 374 points and a 41.6 points per game average.

In three games MSC has amassed 626 yards in the air for an average of 208.2 yards per game. This is right up with the best in the nation, in comparison with last year. With a lot of support from the fans, this could be the year that MSC becomes known as a leader in national small college football circles.

Ron Lyle of Denver, who won the 1970 National AAU heavy-weight boxing title, was released from the Colorado Penitentiary in November, 1969, vowing to go straight. He served more than seven years for manslaughter after a man was shot fatally in a gang fight.